TID 37 - Grand Avenue Redevelopment Periodic Report 12/31/15

District Created: 1998

Authorized expenditure (excluding interest): \$23,106,000 Authorizing resolution(s): #971894, #990115, #000430, #131580

Projected TID cost recovery: 2013 (levy year)

Maximum legal life: 2025

Base property value: \$60,317,400 Completion status: Project complete

Project description

This district was created to revitalize the downtown retail and commercial district anchored by the Grand Avenue retail center.

Initially, the district was used to fund a \$2 million loan to assist the 169-room Courtyard by Marriott Hotel project at West Michigan and North 3rd Streets. This \$13,250,000 development was the first of several staged revitalization efforts for this area.

In June of 1999, the project plan was amended to assist the renovation of the former Marshall Fields building. City assistance of \$9.4 million, including \$6.4 million in City loans, was provided to help convert the project to hotel, office and retail uses as well as to restore its exterior. Major tenants include another Marriott Hotel and the American Society for Quality headquarters. ASQ has a staff of 200, and occupies 105,000 square feet on five floors of the building.

In November of 2000, the plan was amended to provide \$5 million for the renovation of the Boston Store building, upgrading the retail space and the regional offices of Boston Store's owner, Saks, Inc. This project added significant incremental value to the district, while retaining the last department store in downtown Milwaukee.

Saks sold its Boston Store unit in 2006. The new owner, Bon-Ton Stores, Inc., continues to operate the store and has increased employment at the regional offices. The store's lease expired in January 2012, and Bon-Ton management announced that it would extend its occupancy on a year-by-year basis. Unfortunately, the store at this location is not profitable.

In 2011, Borders Books closed its store in the district, and a Planet Fitness exercise facility is now located in its former space.

In 2014, the City approved a \$1.2 million amendment to TID 37 to keep the Boston Store retail operation open through 2018, and maintain overall Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. employment at not less than 750.

New local owners purchased the mall in late 2015 and will be announcing a new strategy for the property in 2016.

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District incremental values have changed as follows:

Year	Incremental Value	Change
2015	\$ 68,317,600	-1%
2014	\$ 68,777,700	3%
2013	\$ 66,886,700	9%
2012	\$ 61,234,300	6%
2011	\$ 57,570,600	13%
2010	\$ 50,882,900	-36%
2009	\$ 79,767,100	32%
2008	\$ 60,421,000	-34%
2007	\$ 91,953,400	25%
2006	\$ 73,408,600	32%
2005	\$ 55,620,000	-4%
2004	\$ 57,679,600	49%
2003	\$ 38,615,900	10%
2002	\$ 35,157,400	

Expenditures - Life to Date (as of 12/31/15)

	Project Plan				
	Budget	Appropriations	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Remaining
Administration	\$ 106,000	\$ 1,703,762	\$ -	\$ 1,697,912	\$ 5,850
Public Improvements	400,000	247,914	-	247,914	-
Grants/Loans	22,600,000	17,009,752	=	17,009,752	-
Capitalized Interest	2,190,000	3,442,493		2,521,904	920,589
Total	\$ 25,296,000	\$ 22,403,921	\$ -	\$ 21,477,482	\$ 926,439

Financing Costs – Interest Paid through 12/31/2015: \$10,030,125

Revenue/Value Performance (as of 12/31/2015)

	Projected			Actual		
Property value	\$	118,682,910	\$	128,635,000		
Incremental value	\$	58,365,510	\$	68,317,600		
Incremental taxes	\$	18,062,091	\$	24,201,994		

Miscellaneous Revenue through 12/31/2015: \$9,279,482

Is the project within budget?	Yes	☐ No	If no,	explain:
Is the project on schedule?	Yes	☐ No	If no,	explain:

Identify any significant concerns that might affect budget or schedule of this project in the future: Retention of retail space tenants, specifically the Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. regional offices is critical to insuring stability and successful outcomes in the district.